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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

V.M. Dixit & K. O'Rourke

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR

REGULATING FAS-ASSOCIATED APOPTOSIS

Examiner: J. Curtis

Group Art Unit: 1812

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 22, 1996, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee making a response due January 22, 1997. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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